1992 since 17 May, 1993. The National Commission for Minorities has not submitted any Report including its Annual Report so far. The Commission has, however, submitted the 14th Annual Report of the erstwhile Minorities Commission for the period 1.4.91 to 31.3.92 on 9 February 1995. The Report is under examination.

Salary scales of Imams

4273. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the direction of giving all Imams in India the salary scales of Punjab Imams, as per the Supreme Court order;

(b) what is the total number of Imams in the country;

(c) what will be the total salary bill of all the Imams in India under this dispensation;

(d) what will be the contribution of the Centre and the States to this salary bill;

(e) whether Government have any schemes for a similar salary scale for the priests of other religious communities; and

(f) the reasons for rejecting the Attorney-General's advice to appeal to the Supreme Court in the matter as reported in The Hindustan Times dated the 27th January, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a), (c) and (d) The Scheme as per directions of the Supreme Court has not been finalised as yet.

(b) Information is being collected.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The Government is considering all aspects before taking a final decision in the matter.

संयुक्त राष्ट्र बाल कोष का प्रतिवेदन

4274 श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संयुक्त राष्ट्र बाल कोष के अद्यतन प्रतिवेदन के अनुसार भारत में कुपोषण के शिकार अधिकांश व्यक्तियों में से मुख्यत: बच्चे हैं ; प्रतिवेदन के अन्य निष्कर्ष क्या हैं और इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) गर्भवती महिलाओं और मंदबुद्धि व्यक्तियों की सहायता के लिये क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Homes for aged persons

4275. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) How many homes for aged are there in the country State-wise;

(b) whether Government have thought of giving manual or clerical work, whichever is suitable to these aged people; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider the idea to tap the resources from the aged in the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) A Statement indicating the Old Age Homes assisted under the Scheme of "Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged" is attached (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry is implementing a Scheme of "Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Pro-